Construction of New Buildings Progressing Rapidly

Construction is underway at all seven sites. Wright Construction, the general contractor on the project, plans to have the concrete slabs poured at all seven sites by early November. The steel frames will be erected at all seven locations by early December. The new branches in New Haven and Owensville are expected to be complete by the end of April 2018 and Wright City by the end of May. The other branches are expected to open in July and August of 2018.

While construction on the seven branches is underway, design work on the new Union branch and administrative offices is being finalized. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2018. The $22 million building project, which includes the Union branch and new administrative offices, will double the overall square footage of the library’s facilities systemwide.

Photographs documenting the building project can be found at https://scenicregional.org/new-library-construction-photos. The webpage is updated daily.

Library Closed November 10 for Staff Development Day

Scenic Regional Library will be closed on Friday, November 10 for its third annual staff development day. All seventy of the library’s full- and part-time staff will attend the event, which will be held at East Central College and feature guest speakers and team-building activities.
Library General Contractor Working with Several Local Subcontractors

The library’s general contractor, Wright Construction, is using several local subcontractors for the building project. Wright Block & Brick, located in Owensville, is doing the masonry work on three of the new facilities. Region Welding, located in Union, is a subcontractor for two of the new branches. Presley’s Glass (Pacific) and Heggemann Plumbing (Warrenton) have been selected as the subcontractors for all seven buildings. PB Electric, located in Sullivan, is the subcontractor for four of the new facilities. Dace Excavating, located in Lonedell, was selected as the earthwork subcontractor for five of the seven branch projects.

Cochran Engineering, located in Union, has served as the civil engineer for the entire building project. However, they were also selected separately as the subcontractor to conduct all the materials testing on the concrete and steel throughout construction on the seven new facilities.

In addition to local subcontractors, materials for the project are also being provided by local companies. For example, Havin Material Service, Inc., which has facilities in Owensville, Sullivan, St. Clair, and Union, is supplying the concrete for the seven new branches.

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Proceeds from the sale of the donor wall books will be used to assist the library with the purchase of furnishings and equipment in the new facilities. Purchases are tax deductible.
2016-2017 Annual Report Complete

The library’s annual report for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year is complete. Scenic Regional Library Director presented the report to Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren County Commissioners in October. The year was considered very successful with the library experiencing significant increases in use in many areas.

The library checked out 478,509 print items, which represented a 6% increase from the previous year. This included 32,687 items borrowed from other Missouri Evergreen libraries—a 29.9% increase. Electronic items, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, digital music, and digital movies, experienced a big surge in use. 121,340 electronic items were streamed or downloaded, up 32% from 2015-2016.

352,452 people visited the library’s eight branches in 2016-2017. The library administration expects this figure to increase significantly once its new facilities begin opening in 2018. The library also issued 11,690 new library cards during the fiscal year, up 9.8%.

Among the library’s many services, programming experienced the most dramatic increase. 10,367 people attended the library’s adult programming, an 82.2% upturn. This included 159 people who attended 41 free introductory computer classes systemwide. The library presented 547 children’s programs, including storytimes, in 2016-2017, which were attended by 21,725 children and teens. There were also 1,638 children, 358 teens, and 815 adults who participated in the annual Summer Reading Program.

In 2016-2017, 53,516 people used the library’s public desktop computers. An additional 23,112 people accessed the library’s free wireless Internet.

The library offers research databases on a wide range of subjects, including automotive repair, business, genealogy, education, and literature. In 2016-2017, these resources were searched 569,176 times.

The library’s adult outreach services experience enormous growth. In June 2017, 92 people were enrolled in books-by-mail, up from 42 people enrolled the previous June. In addition, the adult outreach coordinator visited nursing homes and other senior care facilities 305 times, providing programming to 5,093 senior residents.

In June 2017, the library’s collection included 240,276 physical items (books, DVDs, CDs, books on CD) and 14,749 digital items (e-books, e-audiobooks, digital videos, digital music).

A copy of the full report is available on the library’s website at https://scenicregional.org/annualreports.
Online Bill Pay Now Available

Patrons can now pay bills with a debit or credit card through their online Scenic Regional account. From the scenicregional.org home page, Log In to Your Account, click Fines, and follow the prompts. The library does not charge overdue fines; however, patrons will be able to pay for lost or damaged items.

Chamber Donates Telescope Eyepiece to the Library

The New Haven Chamber of Commerce has donated an iOptron iE1300 Electronic Eyepiece to Scenic Regional Library. The device attaches to a library telescope and allows a user to see live video images of the Moon and planets on a laptop or desktop computer screen.

The eyepiece was originally purchased by the Chamber for the total solar eclipse in August. The eyepiece will be attached to the library’s training telescope for Star Parties and other astronomy-related programs. The library has nine telescopes available for checkout throughout the system.

Union Property for Sale

The library placed its property on the market in September. The site includes the administrative office building at 304 Hawthorne Drive and the Union branch at 308 Hawthorne Drive. The Union branch was built in 1991; the administrative office building was remodeled in 2015. Dolan Realty, located in Union, is the library’s real estate agent for the property.

The library purchased a 2.93 acre lot adjacent Pasta House earlier this year where it will begin construction on a combined Union branch and administrative offices in the spring of 2018. The library plans to have the new Union location complete by late 2018 or early 2019. If the property is sold before the new facility is complete, the library plans to lease the buildings back from the new owner until moving out.
East Central College Seeking Part-time Instructors in Hermann, Wright City, and Sullivan

East Central College is seeking part-time English Language Acquisition Instructors and College and Career Readiness Instructors. Instructors work with individual students in the areas of most need and provide group instruction.

**English Language Acquisition Instructor: Wright City**
Teach English skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as U.S. Citizenship.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Must have strong English skills; ability to understand and speak Spanish preferred, but not required.

**College and Career Readiness Instructor: Hermann and Wright City**
Prepare for college or career placement exams, finishing high school education, and passing the high school equivalency test. Instructors teach reading, math, language/writing skills, and some social studies and science review.
- Hermann: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Wright City: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sullivan: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Candidates must have strong math skills.

Candidates for both positions must have a B.S. or B.A. degree and possess current AEL teacher certification or be able to obtain AEL certification. Fingerprint background check required. Must be able to relate to adults (17 years and older). Teaching or tutoring experience preferred.

The starting salary is $14.50 an hour for an instructor and $14.00 an hour for substitutes. Contact Alice Whalen, Adult Education and Literacy Director, at alice.whalen@eastcentral.edu or 636-584-6532 for more information.

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Families at the Warren County branch enjoyed world-renowned entertainer, Troy Roark, showing off his hilarious comedy and fantastic juggling skills!

Kids enjoy finding their own books in our Easy Book bins at the Union branch.

Laurie Osseck presented a paranormal tour of Missouri at the Hermann branch. All who participated learned about the 25 most haunted locations in the Show-Me state.

What a frightfully good time we had painting pumpkins at the Warren County branch! Guests got into the spirit with Halloween music, fall treats, and pumpkin-spiced hot chocolate!

We had a fall-tastic good time at Owensville branch’s storytime. The wreath craft was fun and easy and the kids loved listening to “10 Little Ninjas”!

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**November 2017 Upcoming Events**

**Hermann Branch**

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Appreciation Station**

Monday, November 6 to Saturday, November 11
During normal branch hours
Write a thank you card to someone you appreciate! Thank you letters to veterans will be collected and mailed.

**DIY: Stain Your Own Frame**

Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 pm
Experiment with natural stains like coffee, wine, walnuts and turmeric to create a rustic picture frame. Materials provided.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

**S.T.E.A.M. Time Storytime**

Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 am

**Kids Club: Clothespin Jewelry**

Tuesday, November 7 at 3:30 pm
Learn how to make craft jewelry out of clothespins!

**“How 2 U” Spa (RSVP for a seat)**

Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm
Learn the latest trends and techniques at Tanglez Hair Salon!

**International Games Day**

Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Come into the branch and get your passport to fun! Play games all around Hermann. Return to the Library by 4:00 pm for the game drawing!

**New Haven Branch**

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Paranormal Places in Missouri**

Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 pm
Program will be held at the Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave.
Join us for an evening of ghostly fun as we learn about the 25 most haunted locations in Missouri.
Laurie Osseck, with Scenic Regional Library, will “show us” supernatural places in the “Show Me State”!

**The Indians & Archaeology of Missouri**

Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm
Program will be held at the Old New Haven School, 810 Maupin Ave. Join us as historian, educator, and author Jim Duncan teaches us about the American Indians of Missouri and the artifacts they left behind. Learn what the artifacts reveal about Missouri’s American Indian populations and how the natural resources of Missouri drew populations going back as far as 13,000 years!

**Book Club at the Branch**

Wednesday, November 15 at 5:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Pre-School Storytime**

Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 am
Up to Kindergarten age.
Preschool appropriate stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, & fun!

**International Games Day**

Saturday, November 18 from 1:00-4:00 pm
Drop in, play games, and maybe win a prize! Fun for everyone!

**HOLIDAY SEASON TRADITIONS with Laurie Osseck**

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 pm
Discover the origins of our favorite Christmas traditions. Program held at Duck’s Bar & Grill, 16016 State Hwy. 47, Marthasville, MO. RSVP today: Call 636-583-0652, stop by the branch, or register online!
Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Night at the Library: The Shack
Friday, November 3 at 7:00 pm
Starring Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer & Tim McGraw.

Acupuncture 101
Monday, November 6 at 2:00 pm
Presented by Dr. Todd McClusky.
Program held at First State Community Bank.

Games at the Branch
Tuesday, November 7 & 28 at 12:30 pm
Drop in and play Dominoes!

Tea Time Traveler’s Book Club
Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm
We will be discussing The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult.

DIY: Fall Floral Centerpiece
Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm
Program held at First State Community Bank. 10 participant limit.

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Play Mahjong
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Cocktails and Crayons
Monday, November 6 at 6:00 pm
Program held at Pacific Brew Haus. 20 participant limit.

Mike Rufkahr
Monday, November 13 at 6:00 pm
Back by popular demand. Held at the Tri-County Senior Center.

Take-A-Ticket Training
Tuesday, November 14 from 1:00-5:00 pm
Register for 1/2 hour sessions of tech assistance with trainer Stacy Emerson.

Book Club
Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm
We will be discussing Redbird Christmas by Fanny Flagg.

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

An Evening with Denny Huff & Sounder the Guide Dog
Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 pm
Denny Huff discusses adjusting to life with blindness, as well as the training process guide dogs endure.

Coffee & Crayons (Ages 18+)
Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm
All materials will be provided!

Take-A-Ticket Training (4 person limit)
Thursday, November 16 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Get assistance with specific computer technology questions in 30-minute sessions.

Book Club
Thursday, November 30 at 2:00 pm
We will discuss A Christmas Message by Anne Perry.

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Great Cookie Election
Saturday, November 4 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Vote on your favorite while supplies last.

Comic Book Button Making
Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 pm
International Games Day
Saturday, November 18 from 1:00-4:00 pm
Drop in, play games, and maybe win a prize! Fun for everyone!

Teen Book Club!
Tuesday, November 28 at 3:30 pm
We will discuss Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee.

Pre-School Storytime
Every Thursday at 11:00 am

Read, Build & Play
Every Saturday at 11:00 am

Homeschool Group
1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
November 1: How to Interview Like a Journalist
November 15: Legos/Lincoln Logs

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Sullivan’s “As the Page Turns” book club discussed the book “The Great Gatsby” then played a game of Clue using the characters from the book. What a fun twist for a book club!
November 2017 Upcoming Events

### Sullivan Branch

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Great Horned Owls: Hunting & Feeding**  
*Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 pm*  
Mark H.X. Glenshaw will be sharing his observations of the Great Horned Owl’s hunting & fishing habits.

**“As the Page Turns” Book Club**  
*Thursday, November 9 at 5:30 pm*  
We will discuss the book *The Shining* by Stephen King.

**Picture Frame Art**  
*Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm*  
We will be decorating the glass of a picture frame and making it into a unique piece of art.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Preschool-Age Children)**  
*Every Tuesday at 10:00 am*

**Teen Book Club**  
*Monday, November 6 at 4:00 pm*

**Teen Time: Making Paper Jewelry**  
*Monday, November 13 at 4:00 pm*  
Make beads out of paper. Addictive!

**Preschool Movie Day**  
*Friday, November 17 at 10:00 am*  
Join us for a movie day at the branch as we watch “Charlotte’s Web”.

**Kids Club: Thanksgiving**  
*Monday, November 20 at 3:30 pm*  
Come join us for some fun Thanksgiving activities!

### Union Branch

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**25 Greatest Unsolved Mysteries**  
*Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm*  
Laurie Osseck will talk about some of the biggest mysteries of all time, including Jack the Ripper and the Bermuda Triangle.

**Hooked on Books Book Club**  
*Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm*  
We will be discussing *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

**Get Eared Up for the Holidays**  
*Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 pm*  
Make earrings and get ideas for other Christmas crafts! For ages 10+.

**COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**  
*Thursday, November 2 from 1:30-3:30 pm*  
Learn how to open, save and print documents in Microsoft Word. Basic formatting of text will also be covered.

**Take-A-Ticket Training**  
*Wednesday, November 8 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm*  
Register for a 30-minute, one-on-one session with the SRL trainer. Get help with a device or one of the libraries digital services.

### Warren County Branch

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**DIY: Book Wreaths**  
*Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 pm*  
Repurpose an old book into a beautiful wreath! Bring along a stapler and a roll of scotch tape. Books will be furnished. Space is limited to 40.

**Lost Treasures of St. Louis**  
*Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm*  
Take a trip down memory lane with local author and blogger, Cameron Collins.

**Save Room for Pie!**  
*Tuesday, November 21 at 6:00 pm*  
Join us for a pie party full of quick tips. Indulge your sweet tooth at our mini pie bar! Bring along a pie recipe to share. Space is limited to 40.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)**  
*Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am*

**Dads, Donuts & Darlin’s Storytime**  
*Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 am*  
Books, songs, crafts, and donuts! Space is limited.

**Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5)**  
*Monday, November 6 from 3:15 pm-4:15 pm*  
Theme: Playdough!

**Robotics Club (Grades 5-12)**  
*Monday, November 20 from 3:15-4:45 pm*  
Build robots with the WHS Robotics Club. Animate the robots using computer software.

### Sullivan had their first Friends of the Library meeting October 16, and had an excellent turn out with 8 members in attendance! They elected President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
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Purchases are tax deductible.*

Donor wall “books” can be purchased throughout the construction project and will be unveiled at the grand opening of each new branch library.

*Scenic Regional Library Foundation’s tax exempt status is pending.
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